GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:546
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2003
RECOGNITION TO ENGINEERING COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed by the Government for granting recognition to the Engineering Colleges;

(b) whether the colleges in various States have been granted recognition in a uniform manner and according to the aforesaid criteria only;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of the Engineering Colleges granted recognition bythe Government during the year 2001, 2002 and the current year till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARREDQUESTION NO. 546 FOR 29.04.2003 ASKED BY SHI SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK AND SHRI C.N. SINGH REGARDING RECOGNITION TO ENGINEERING COLLEGES

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the Statutory Body empowered by the AICTE Act 1987 to grant approval for starting new Technical Institutions (including Engineering Colleges) in consultation with the agencies concerned, invites application every year for starting new institutions. On examination of the applications for ensuring availability of infrastructure facilities as per the prescribed Norms & Standards, such as land, built-up area, computing facilities, library, faculty and fund and on the basis of the report of the Expert Committee and the recommendations of the Regional Committee, AICTE grants approvalto applicants who fulfil the laid-down requirements. The approval process involves consultation with the State Government and the University concerned. While the State Government identifies the need, the geographical distribution, etc., the University ensures fulfilment of conditions of affiliation. The Norms of AICTEapply uniformly throughout the country. During the academic years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 AICTE granted approval to 219 and 151 new Engineering Colleges respectively. The approval process for the academic year 2003-04 is in progress.